

MAYOR WILLIAMS' WARD 2 END OF THE SUMMER UPDATE - 2005



800 New Jobs at Gallery Place Welcomed by Mayor Williams

On May 18, 2005 **Mayor Williams** welcomed 5 major new retailers: **Clydes**, celebrated its downtown DC restaurant; **Aveda** Institute introduced their salon, spa, and school; **Lucky Strike**, the bowling/dining concept from Los Angeles was introduced as was **Zengo**, restaurant of renowned Chef Richard Sandoval. **Bed, Bath and Beyond** also announced that they would open a store in Gallery Place. Gallery Place is expected to generate **\$19 million in sales and property taxes** a year. **800** permanent jobs are expected when construction is complete. **Looking for a new job or training? Call DOES at 202-724-7000.**

New Housing Proposed Old Convention Center Site

On June 7, 2005, **Mayor Williams** praised the City Council for approving his legislation authorizing disposition of the old Convention Center to the selected developer, Hines and Archstone. Plans call for development of a world-class, mixed use project that will be 300,000 SF of retail, 1372 units of housing, 550,000 SF of office and at least 1900 parking spaces. Additionally the District will retain the right to determine use of another 120,000 SF. A Master Plan is being prepared, with construction expected in 2008.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WARD 2?

Housing

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Housing Finance Agency (HFA) provided financial assistance for the conversion of **136 units in the Immaculate Conception Apartments** located at **7th and O Streets, NW**.

The DC Housing Authority sold **30 units on 11th Street NW** as affordable housing. Affordable housing has been included in the **772 residential units** that are proposed for development on the **old Convention Center** site. **Looking to buy your first house? Call DHCD at 202-442-7200.**

Education and Recreation

Construction continues on the **\$17 million** rebuilding of the new **Thompson Elementary School**.

2005 marks the second full year of operation of the newly rebuilt **Kennedy Recreation Center** in Shaw. It continues to provide exciting programs for Shaw area residents. Construction has also been completed on the newly renovated **Georgetown Recreation Swimming Pool**.

Employment

On June 25, 2005, at the request of ANC 2C, DOES conducted a job fair, and about 200 interested citizens responded.

Public Safety

MPD's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU) opened a new office on Dupont Circle in March 2005. Established in 2000, the GLLU provides

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a range of crime prevention and community victim assistance services to the District's GLBT community. For more information about this new police unit, call 202-727-5427.

Public Works and Transportation

On Friday June 17, 2005, the four-year **Georgetown Project to upgrade utilities** and repair the streetscape on parts of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue ended. DDOT received accolades from across the community for their wise use of a community relations team to mediate between local businesses, residents and DDOT. This approach was so successful that it will be duplicated in other projects.

DDOT has also started the historic restoration and utility infrastructure upgrade of Thomas Circle. The **\$5.6 million project** is a joint effort of the National Park Service (NPS), Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and DDOT to redirect and smooth traffic flow around the Circle and eliminate the north-south traffic cut through, thus restoring pedestrian access.

The **Georgetown DMV** has closed for renovations and expansion. **Re-opening is expected this month.**

Don't Forget:

The **DC Free Summer Meals Program** for youth 18 years old and younger runs from June 22-August 31, 2005. Call **202 463-6211** or log onto **www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov** for more information or locations.

Applications are being accepted for the **Mayor's Advisory Neighborhood Commission Leadership Award**. For more information call 202-442-8161 or go to www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov

On days when the "heat index" reaches 95 degrees, there are **2 Cooling Centers** opened for District residents at **441 4th Street, NW** and **2000 14th Street, NW**. The DC Energy Office has fans for qualified residents. Call 202-673-6750 for more information.

Don't forget to get your child(ren) immunized. School starts August 29, 2005. Call 202-576-7130 for more information.

DON'T LOSE THESE NUMBERS!

General Information (illegal dumping, trash collection/ leaf collection)	202 727-1000
Immunizations	202 576-7130
DMV Services	202 727-5000
Metro, Bus/Rail	202 962-1234
Medicaid/Food Stamps	202 724-5506
DCPS	202 724-4222
Senior Transportation	202 724-5626
Tax Assistance	202 727-4829
Open Hydrant	202 612-3400